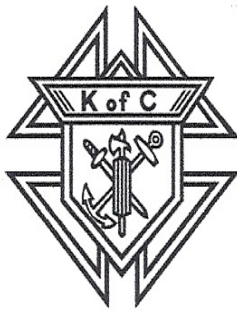




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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. November was an eventful month for our Council. We started off the month with our annual Past Grand Knights Ball. Thank you to Deputy Grand Knight Steve Salter for hosting this event and to everyone who helped to make this event successful.

The following week we held a first degree at St. Therese of Lisieux, where we inducted four new members to our Council. Please join me in welcoming the following gentlemen: George Smedley, Walter Decasas, Scott Morgan and Jason Scanlan. I'd like to also thank our degree team for their good work. Our council will host another first degree on Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 pm in our hall. Our regular business meeting will follow. Please come out to support our candidates.

On November 13th, we held our annual Memorial Mass. Thank you to our newly installed Chaplin, Fr. Roman, for presiding at this Mass, and for the assistance of his Polish friend, Fr. Mike. Thanks also to Maria Lograsso and Vince G. for the beautiful music during the Mass. Thanks to Don Heydens for the flowers, John Ternes and Dennis Seefried for cooking, and thanks to everyone who attended, and helped setup and cleanup for this event.

We had a Corporate Communion on Sunday, November 16th at the 8:00 am Mass, where we had a special presentation of the Icon of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you also to the St. John Neumann Color Corps for adding to the solemnity of the occasion. Fr. Roman put together a special prayer and presentation at the end of the Mass, which was very well received. For everyone not in attendance, I thought Fr. Roman gave one of the best endorsements of the K of C I've ever heard. I found out later that our Council received a recruit as a direct result of this testimonial – Thank you very much Fr. Roman.

Our first chili cook-off was November 29th. Thank you to Anthony Quagliato for chairing this event, and to everyone who cooked, cleaned, set-up, and attended this fundraiser for the Jeff Wright family.

Our Council is sponsoring many great activities for our members' children and grandchildren this month, beginning with our Spelling Bee on December 7th, the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (posters due December 14th), and a Family Movie Night on December 19th. Many thanks to Joe Lograsso for championing

these activities.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Thank you to Warren and Paulette for chairing this event again this year. This is a great event for our member's children and grandchildren. A ventriloquist will be the centerpiece entertainment for this year's party. We'll also draw the winner of our Share the Wealth Raffle at this event.

We're conducting a coat drive for the needy. Please bring your clean, gently used coats for men, women or children to an upcoming meeting or event. We'll be accepting them right up through the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you to our chairman, John Ternes, who has volunteered to deliver the coats again this year.

Please check the calendar for our many upcoming events and activities. Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas. May Jesus be the Light Of your Christmas celebration! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers
Grand Knight
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Maurice VanHevel. Maurice and his wife Jane live on Millis in Shelby Township. Maurice has lived there since 1955.

They have been married for seven years. They have no children, but they have a dog named Snoopy who is 13 years old in dog years. They also have a cockatiel named Chico.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence parish and both were baptized here. Maurice has been an usher since 1965. He also works the fish fry, counts money at the fish fry. He works the M.I. Drive, the monthly breakfast, Halloween party and party for the St. Lawrence Seniors.

Maurice worked at the Ford Axle plant and retired after 30 years. Jane is a home maker.

Maurice joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus on September 1, 1970. He has held the offices of Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, Trustee and Guards. He is the Church Activities Director, Co-Chair of the Rosary Chain and Chairman for The Eyes

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

December 2, 2014 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:00 pm. (This Meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY. PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ONLY.**

December 2 – 5, 2014 – Texas Holdem at the Wintergarden Tavern located at 46777 Gratiot Ave south of 21 Mile Road.

December 7, 2014 – Spelling Bee – 12:30 pm at the St. Lawrence Social Hall

December 11, 2014 – First Degree at 7:30 pm in our Hall with our first meeting of the month to follow

December 14, 2014 – Keep Christ in Christmas Posters due

December 18, 2014 – Winter District Meeting in our Club Room. All officers are encouraged to attend. Light meal served 6:30 pm. Meeting to follow at 7:00 pm

December 19, 2014 – Family Movie Night. Showing the movie Frozen. Doors open at 6:30 pm. See article for details

December 21, 2014 – Children’s Christmas Party, 2:00 pm at our Hall. Collection of gently used coats and Share The Wealth Raffle Drawing. (See attached article for details).

December 22, 2014 – Officer’s Meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room

December 25, 2014 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2015 – NEW YEAR’S DAY (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

January 11, 2015 – Seminarian Breakfast 8:30-12:00 noon.

January 11 – 14, 2015 – Texas Holdem at the Hamlin Pub located at 3946 Rochester Road in Troy. This event is scheduled from noon until 2:00 am

January 18, 2015 – Vocations Dance to benefit Seminarians

February 22-23, 2015 – Casino Bus Trip. See article for details

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

for the Needy.

Maurice and Jane enjoy going to Lexington, Michigan and spending time at their cottage. They also like to travel to Gladwin and spend time with his brother on his boat. They also enjoy going to Frankenmuth on their birthdays. Maurice and Jane also like spending time with the Brother Knights from St. Lawrence Council and the Knights from the Fourth Degree too.

Congratulations Maurice on being chosen Knight of the Month for December by your Brother Knights.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We would like to wish all those people who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the month December a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.

LIFE INSURANCE AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business, start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected, if something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring Christmas gift to purchase for many people; Spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.

As the Life Insurance Agent for your Council, I want to extend my wishes for a Blessed, Safe and Happy Christmas from my family to yours. Vival Jesus!

Dale Jacks, Field Agent
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Dads and Mom's," Good Boys and Girls, mark your calendar. The Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 2:00 pm. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, pop, entertainment, pinatas, and a visit from Santa Claus with a surprise. Hope to see you there!!! Also, if you can help setup, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there by 1:00 pm.

Thanks,
Warren and Paulette Sawdon and Santa's Elves

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Larry Nardecchia and his wife Linda. They have lived on Del Ray Drive in Sterling Heights for more than 40 years. They have been married for 42 years. They have two children – Brian who is 41 and Jeffrey who is 39. Jeff just got married in May of this year to Kari Speck.

Larry and Linda belong to Our Lady of Grace Parish in Warren. Larry is a former usher and money counter at the parish.

Both Larry and Linda are now retired. Larry retired from EDS and Linda is a retired paraprofessional from Neil Reid High School which is part of the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Larry joined Father Cotter Knights of Columbus on March 1, 1968. . He has held the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, Trustee and Building Corporation Treasurer. Larry is the current KnightLife Editor. He has co-chaired a number of Millionaire parties and has been the Bingo Chairman on two different occasions.

The family enjoys spending time with their children and extended family. Larry enjoys working in his garden. Linda enjoys going up north on the Casino trips, working on her computer and working on the family genealogy.

Congratulations Larry and Linda on being chosen Family of the month for December by your Brother Knights.

OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering: Lillian Sparks, Stan Pollum, Louie Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kwicien, Megan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Mark Schneider, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Jim Wiegand, Renee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lipinski, Linda Nardecchia, Dean Wiegand, Ray Wiengartz, Ryan Foster, Dan Rys, Taylor Van Hoorheis, Mary Pascieczny, Steve Winkler, Teresa Winkler, Larry Shekoski Steve Messina and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 078-0579 or email us at: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE TICKETS

Cost \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Drawing – Sunday, December 21, 2014

1st Prize - \$3,000

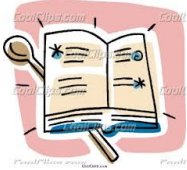
2nd Prize - \$1,500

3rd Prize - \$500

See Joe Manuszak or Joe Lograsso for tickets

TEXAS HOLD'EM

We have a Texass Hold'em scheduled for December 2-5, 2014. Our next scheduled event will be on January 11-14, 2015 at the Hamlin Pub. Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com if you can help.



K OF C COOKBOOK

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

We are excited to start something new. We are accepting your tried and true recipes that will be compiled into a cookbook from the families of the Knights of Columbus. Our goal is to have 50 recipes and be ready to publish the book in time for Christmas (depending upon the response we receive). Also, we may set up a potluck event where we bring the dish of one of the recipes we've put into the book.

Please pick a few of your best recipes and send them to me or Warren at the email addresses below. If there is enough interest, we will make special bound books. Please start sending them in now.

If at all possible, please send them electronically in email or Microsoft word. If not possible, contact me and we will make sure to get them included.

Joe – lograsso@comcast.net

Warren – warren@wsawdon.com

Thanks,
Joe Lograsso
Program Director

ADVERTISING

We have room on the back page of the newsletter for two advertisements if anyone is interested. One ad is business card size and would cost \$40.00 for the entire year. The other ad is larger and would cost \$80.00 per year. We cannot accept any ads that may conflict with the current ads or refer to life insurance or any products that the Knights of Columbus have for their members. If you are interested in placing an ad please call Larry Nardecchia at (586) 978-0579 or email at lanardecchia@prodigy.net.

Larry Nardecchia
Knight Life Editor

ARTICLES

Just a quick reminder that all articles for the Knight Life need to be turned into the editor by the last meeting of the month so that the newsletter gets out in a timely fashion, especially when we need to get the one for mailing done. Articles can be given to Larry at the meeting or emailed to: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. They can also be mailed to: 36168 Del Ray Drive; Sterling Heights 48310.

Thanks.
Larry Nardecchia
Knight Life Editor

K of C Family Movie Night

Friday, December 19, 2014

Featuring



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the first in a series of movies that will be shown at the K of C Hall, in conjunction with the national K of C focus on Building the Domestic Church! Each movie contains a family theme that is pertinent in today's culture.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. There is no cost to this although free will offerings will be accepted. This showing includes a free dinner of hot dogs, chips and snacks, fun activities and of course the movie.

Important: The movie is meant for the family and is not a "drop-off" for the kids. Also, there are limited tickets available, on a first-come/first-served basis. Reservations are available by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need.

Movies also planned include "The Lion King" on January 23, 2015 and "The Incredibles" on February 27, 2015.

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ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

We are happy to announce the return of the K of C Spelling Bee. This fun, challenging and great event is open to two competition levels: Level I is 4th through 6th grades and Level II is 7th through 9th grades. In the past, students from St. Lawrence Parish have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees!

Registration is now open! Please email Joe Lograsso (lograsso@comcast.net) to register. Please include the student's name and grade. The appropriate level word list will be emailed back to you. You can also email me if you have any questions.

The first level of competition is scheduled Sunday, December 7, 2014 at the St. Lawrence Social Hall at 12:30 pm. There will be one winner and three runner-ups for each level that will be allowed to move on to the Diocesan Spelling Bee.

We encourage anyone with any bit of interest to sign up for the spelling been and come out and compete. The earlier you register, the more time you have to see the word list. Please don't wait!

Joe Lograsso



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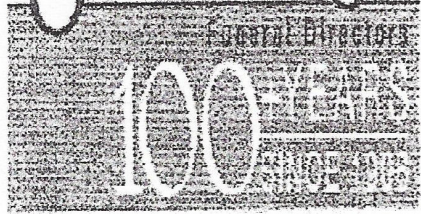
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